



RIALTO FIRE LINE

A Monthly Report of Rialto Fire, EMS, and Public Safety Services

Breast Cancer Awareness Event

On October 19, Firefighters participated in a cancer awareness event at Coffee Nutzz on Foothill Blvd. Sporting their pink T-shirts, the Rialto Firefighters assisted with the event which was also a Halloween festival for the kids. The Firefighters served hotdogs, posed for pictures and greeted the guests as they enjoyed this important event. The Rialto Fire Department supports the nationwide effort to reduce breast cancer and raise awareness to this killer

disease. During the month of October, the Rialto Firefighters have worn pink T-shirts to support the cause for cancer awareness.



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Fire Prevention Open House

Fire Prevention Open house was a huge success. There was over 1,000 people that attended. The fire explorers did a pancake breakfast and a hot dog lunch. The citizens were treated to an auto extrication demo, a roof top rescue, fire engine rides, police car rides and a coloring corner from the kids. There was great participation from the police department, US Forest Service, and other businesses in the community. The San Bernardino City Fire Department lent their fire safety house. Volunteers from Mt Sac college gave the kids a tour of the safety house, taught the kids about hazards in the home and demonstrated how to escape in case of a fire.



Rialto Women's Club Fundraiser

On October 23rd, Rialto fire personnel attended a fundraiser dinner in support of the Rialto Women's Club. Many local residents and visitors alike enjoyed a spaghetti dinner served by the club members. Members of the Rialto Fire Department enjoy the opportunity to interact with the citizens and provide information about the programs offered through the department. One such program is the upcoming Female Firefighter Introduction Day. This event is scheduled for January 26 and 27, 2013 and is designed to provide high school aged females with an overview of a career in the fire ser-



Fire Station Tour



On October 24th, alternative education students from Carter High School visited Fire Station 202 for a tour. These students were shown the apparatus, equipment, and station where they were exposed to the "Day in the Life" of a firefighter at the RFD.

Park Place Grand Opening

On October 18th, Rialto firefighters attended the grand opening of the Park Place Apartments located in the 300 Blk of W. Jackson St. The mayor, city council members, and other city dignitaries were also in attendance. This project represented a joint effort between private and public interests in revitalizing this area that will provide affordable housing while reducing blight in the neighborhood.



Public Safety Volunteer Award



Every year, California Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter presents a Public Safety Volunteer Award to a person from each district she represents including Rialto. She gives awards to both Fire and Police. Michael Ramirez was selected for his work coordinating the CERT program for the City of Rialto.

Vehicle Crashes into Rialto Retirement Home

On October 12th, at 11:37am, Rialto firefighters responded to 1441 S. Riverside (Rialto Retirement Home) for a vehicle accident. On arrival, fire crews found a passenger vehicle which had driven through a wall and stopped half-way into an unoccupied room. Fire personnel had to break the back window of the car out so the driver could be assisted out of the vehicle. Rialto P.D. responded to the scene for accident investigation. Thankfully, the driver sustained only minor injuries. No residents of the retirement home were injured in the collision.



Rialto Firefighters assist San Bernardino County with a 340 Acre Brush Fire



On October 26th, at 12:18pm, Rialto Fire personnel assisted San Bernardino County Fire on a 340 acre grass fire at Sierra and Riverside Ave. Rialto Engine 202, Medic Engine 204, BC804 and BC805 responded and provided fire control and incident command support of the greater alarm incident.

From October 2nd through October 5th, our new recruits completed their first 3 month “block testing” which comprised of basic skills such as hose and ladder evolutions, breathing apparatus, and equipment operation and specifications. Fire personnel who are assigned a probationary firefighter, dedicated many hours of training and manipulative drills to prepare them for this rigorous testing process. Congratulations to the new recruits for completing this important milestone!



Fire Prevention

We have started surveying parcels that are in need of weed abatement. The weed abatement contractor that is hired by the fire department will start abating the parcels during the last week in October.

Rialto Fire Prevention has been working with San Bernardino City Fire and Moreno Valley Fire to get its apartment inspection program up and running. It has been learning and developing their program based on what other cities are currently doing, and doing well.

We will be participating in this year's Halloween Hi Jinks. Mt Sac interns as well as their Fire Tech club have graciously volunteered to help pass out candy and set up games.

- An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) orientation/drill was conducted on Oct 17th. Due to the evolving nature of city staff, it has been necessary to review the roster of EOC workers and make adjustments to assignments. Several new members have not had EOC training and this drill was an opportunity to review the objectives of the EOC during a disaster and to also have low-stress drill using an earthquake scenario. The focus of the day was emphasize the global perspective of the EOC during an emergency event: management and staff in the EOC shall be focused on supporting personnel in the field, maintaining city services and ensuring the well-being of the community. Another session is planned for December with the focus on management activities and assigning staff members.
- The 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant was finalized in October. The equipment was purchased and all of the required documentation for the state was provided to the Grants Unit of the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The grant funds were directed towards purchasing Ham Radio equipment that will be used by the Rialto Amateur Radio Club. During a disaster or other emergency event when normal communications modes are disrupted, the Ham Radio network is a vital tool for maintaining communication among and between local, state and federal agencies. The equipment purchased will enhance the City's capability to communicate with other Ham Radio operators throughout the region.
- Final preparations have been made for the recruitment of Fire Captain within the Fire Department. The promotion of Brian Park to Battalion Chief has created a vacancy in the Captain rank and it is very important that a comprehensive recruitment is conducted in order to fill this important position. The Captain position is a critical link between management and suppression personnel, one that is essential to maintain safety and to ensure delivery of high quality customer service. The application period closed on the 25th of October and all testing will be conducted in November.
- Other ongoing items in the Planning section include:
 - Emergency Operations Plan Update – due at the end of January 2013
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 - 2010/2011 Homeland Security Grant. It was learned that the fire department was eligible for another \$30,000.00 of funds for the 2010 HSG; these funds will be directed towards purchase of air bottles for SCBA
 - Final purchase of furniture and other items required for the new Fire Station 202

Response Statistics (October 1—October 31)

FIRES – 25

EXPLOSION– 1

RESCUE/ EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENTS – 558

HAZARDOUS CONDITION (NO FIRE) – 20

SERVICE CALL – 84

FALSE ALARM/ FALSE CALL – 22

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE- 710